Priorities:

- Network, involve and utilize all community citizens, agencies, org. and institutions in order to promote positive youth, family and community development
- develop increased awareness of problems facing society and promote a community climate of positive opportunities, attitudes and activities
- promote community support for effective parenting, constructive family communication & parental networking
- promote community awareness & revision of youth related laws & their consistent enforcement as well as the dev. of appropriate juvenile justice programs in the community
- 5. promote the continued development and implementation of comprehensive, community-wide programs, primary prevention, intervention and education
- 6. change social policy, laws and advertising practices regarding alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- 7. develop, support and provide community and public education programs regarding such matters

Partners

Comanche Co Juv. Bureau OCCY Lawton Public Schools 5th District Courts Lawton Police Dept. Lawton City Council Lawton Parks and Rec. Treasure Lake Job Corp Lawton Ft. Sill Youth Coalition Churches Cameron University Lawton Chamber of Commerce and Industry Local Businesses **CASA**

CASA
Comanche Co Health Dept.
Lawton Area Prevention Resource Center

Capella Health Ft. Sill Comanche Tribe Kiowa Tribe Teen Pregnancy Prev. Project Sickle Cell Disease of Okla. Lawton Public Library Comanche Co Commissioner's Office SW Okla Area Health Ed. Ctr American Red Cross **Great Plains Tech Center** United Way of Lawton/Ft. Sill **NAMI** LPS PTA Council Zone I Neighborhood Assoc. Veterans Association Lawton Housing Association

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Major Outcome:

☆ The most important improvement in the effectiveness of the coalition's efforts to promote healthier youth and families was in the creation of a new 5 year Strategic
 ✦ Plan. This plan was created during a 2 day facilitated workshop attended by 22 coalition members representing 14 community sectors. This plan served as the guide for the activities of the organizations that includes benchmarks and objectives to strive toward. The accountability of the group and its members and the commitment to evaluate all aspects of the coalition and its effectiveness are a high priority of the plan.

The Lawton/Ft.Sill Community Coalition (LFSCC) is comprised of a very broad based and diverse representation of the community. The demographics of the organization reflect the make up of the community. Members who represent minority populations comprise 29% and youth comprise 22% of the overall membership.

★ Formation of New Standing Committees:

- 1. Family Initiative Committee
- 2. Community Involvement Committee
- 3. Environmental Policy Change Committee
- 4. Community Awareness/Education Committee

- 5. Research Based Programs Committee
- 6. Access to Healthcare Committee







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Key Activities

- 1. Volunteer recruitment, participation and retention
- ◆ 42 local businesses, schools, parents, tribes, law enforcement, courts, youth serving agencies, grandparents, youth, faith organizations, civic groups, military, retired citizens, media, government, and other specialized organizations were active in the coalition.
- Adults volunteer participation increased by 15% with an average of 35 members attending the Quarterly Meetings.
- Youth participation increased by hours dedicated to the work of the coalition to an average of 15 hours by 22 youth.
- 2. Sponsorship of Community Events and Programs
- ◆ Annual Red Ribbon Week that included a 5K Run and numerous educational programs presented in grades K-12
- Girl Power! Conferences for 650 5th graders
- 225 community members participated in the Moonlight Walk Against Drugs
- ◆ 2 Training Boys for Manhood Conferences for 125 6th grade Boys from Title I schools
- ♦ Back to School Bash
- ◆ Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking with Miss America, Jennifer Berry
- Participation in 6 Community Health Fairs targeting Faith organizations and low income neighborhoods
- Coordinated the Lawton Ft. Sill Youth Coalition that participated in Buy operations at local alcohol retailers and outlets, reward reminder visits at local tobacco retailers and outlets, peer education programs, Safe Prom initiative and a 2 day strategic planning retreat.

- Provided the Skills for Success research based curriculum to 118 LPS high risk secondary students
- Provided the Lifeskills research based curriculum to 1880 LPS Middle School Students
- 3. Initiation of new activities
- Providing support, and resources to neighborhood watch organizations
- ♦ Became the Comanche County Turning Point Coalition
- Agreement with the Lawton Public Schools to repeat the Oklahoma Risk and Prevention Survey in 2006 and 2008.
- Development of a user friendly web site providing information on the coalition, promoting education and volunteer opportunities.
- Media campaigns targeting the de-stigmatization of addiction and promoting recovery, marijuana awareness, underage drinking awareness and Red Ribbon Week
- Restructuring and improvement of the research based curriculum offered to 1300 Lawton Public Schools middle school students.
- Intensive training of middle and high school student assistance program counselors.
- ♦ Increased environmental policy advocacy resulting in the passage of laws to decrease youth access to alcohol.
- ◆ Creation of new opportunities for youth involvement in community service projects
- Voted to add an additional committee to begin addressing access to healthcare.

A Lil' Bit About Us....

Lawton/Ft.Sill Community Coalition (LFSCC) Vision: To ensure a thriving community is provided for all

The Lawton—Ft Sill Community Coalition (LFSCC) began in 1988 as the Lawton Public School's Substance Abuse Committee. Later it was the Citizen's Task Force for Drug Free Community and later the Mayor's Commission for a Responsible Drug Free Community. These name changes reflect the current needs of Lawton/Ft Sill and the growth and development of our projects and their volunteers.

The primary mission and purpose of the is to identify and implement proactive programs and strategies that will empower the community to develop healthy, responsible and involved individuals. Partnerships with local organizations and countless hours of volunteer time fuel the successful and effective programs of the LFSCC.



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